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SUBJECT: AIPS FELLOWSHIP AWARDS: MOHAMMAD AFAK HAYDAR
AND LYNDA P. MALIK

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO TWO AIPS RESEARCH PROPOSALS, ACCEPTANCE OF WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD NOT BE IN BEST INTERESTS AIPS PROGRAM. WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT AND/OR THE BFS MAY WISH CONSIDER BOTH FOR REJECTION.

2. DR. MOHAMMAD AFAK HAYDAR IS A CITIZEN OF PAKISTAN ALTHOUGH A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IN OUR OPINION HIS PROPOSAL MAY WELL BE ONLY AN EXPEDIENT FOR TRIP BACK HOME TO PAKISTAN. BUT MOST OBJECTIONABLE ASPECT HIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IS FACT THAT HE WAS FULBRIGHT GRANTEE IN 1960-61 AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SCHOLARSHIP TO REMAIN IN U.S. HAYDAR'S APPLICATION IS BEING HELD BY USEF/P. EMBASSY OPINION IT SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED TO GOP. REQUEST ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND BFS VIEWS.

3. DR. LYNDA MALIK REPUTABLE SCHOLAR BUT SHE IS SPOUSE DR. HAFIZ MALIK AND HERSELF TRUSTEE AIPS. HAD SHE APPLIED FOR GRANT THROUGH DHEW/OE OR CIES WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION, BUT REQUESTING AIPS FUNDING WE FIND A BAD ODOR. UNDER BFS 626.2 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY ARE INELIGIBLE FOR ONE YEAR FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF SERVING FOR CONSIDERATION FULBRIGHT GRANT. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT APPLY LEGALLY TO DR. LYNDA MALIK'S AIPS APPLICATION BUT HER PARTICIPATION AS GRANTEE WOULD APPEAR TO BE CLEAR VIOLATION OF INTENT OF REGULATION.

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4. BECAUSE OF HAFIZ MALIK'S POLITICAL CONNECTIONS HERE IT LIKELY EMBARRASSING FOR PAKISTANIS TO DENY APPROVAL DR. LYNDA MALIK'S APPLICATION. USEF/P HAS ALREADY FORWARDED PAPERS TO GOP AND SUBSEQUENT TO THIS ACTION FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GAVE RETROACTIVE APPROVAL.

5. AIPS PROGRAM OFF TO GOOD START LAST YEAR. EMBASSY BELIEVES MOST APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED THIS YEAR HAVE MERIT UNDER ONE CONSIDERATION OR ANOTHER. WE HEANOT UNDERSTAND WHY AIPS WOULD WISH TO JEOPARDIZE GOOD REPUTATION BY SUPPORTING THESE TWO PROJECTS. SURELY HAFIZ MALIK AND RALPH BRAIBANTI, AND OTHERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHOULD HAVE SOME SENSITIVITIES OF IMPACT THESE ACTIONS LIKELY HAVE ON ACADEMIC AND SCHOLARLY SUPPORTERS, NOT TO MENTION ADVERSE REACTION OF USG AND GOP AGENCIES.

6. WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.
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